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The following is a list of principal industrial concerns working in the Oberlausitz area.

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1. WUMAG (Waggon- und Maschinenbau A.G.), Görlitz

This firm is now a state-owned plant. The number of workers employed is 1,500. The production of the factory today consists mainly of freight cars for reparations; in addition, 400 freight cars and 20 passenger coaches per month are being repaired for the Reichsbahn. Two hundred men are employed on the manufacture of household goods, such as pots and pans. Consignment orders from Balkan countries for the delivery of spare parts for machines previously delivered by WUMAG have not yet been met, because of the dismantling of the foundry. It has been found extraordinarily difficult to obtain spare parts for repair purposes, as well as welding machines and plate shears.

2. Bautzen Waggon- und Maschinenbau A.G., formerly Busch, Bautzen

This firm is now a state-owned plant. The number of workers and employees is 1,100. The production in March 1947 consisted of 91 freight cars. In addition, rolling-stock, for the most part belonging to the Berlin suburban railway (S-Bahn), was repaired. The turnover amounted to 875,000 RM. The manufacture of refrigerator cars and express passenger coaches has been planned for 1948 if sufficient raw materials are available.

3. AEG Telecommunications Apparatus Factory, Bautzen

Present production consists of limited quantities of carrier frequency apparatus (Trägerfrequenzgeräte) and communication sets (Nachrichtenapparate) for the postal services and railways. This is reported to be the only concern carrying out such production in the Russian Zone.

4. The Glass Industry

The production of the glass industry in the northern part of the Oberlausitz area has reached peace-time levels. Several glass factories have moved from the areas east of the Neisse River. Raw materials, particularly soda, are difficult to obtain.

5. As a result of the fact that the Oberlausitz was previously part of Upper Silesia

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and not of Bundesland Sachsen, the industrial production of the area has suffered from numerous administrative difficulties, particularly since several firms have been expropriated by the state. According to official statistics, the production of the iron and steel industry in this area is now approximately 60 to 70 percent of that of the summer and autumn of 1946.

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